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For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION,

CONTAINING OXCARBAZEPINE WITH SUSTAINED RELEASE OF AN ACTIVE-

INGREDIENT

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.